(c) and (d) For undertaking mining operation, Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries have 6922 numbers of major Heavy Earth Moving Machinery on roll. During use of these equipment, it is normal that a part of the fleet will be under different stages of break down at any given point of time. Besides, 3 nos. of longwall sets are presently idle for want of imported spares are for being damaged during mining operation, etc.

CIL and its subsidiaries regularly monitor the operation and maintenance of major heavy earth moving machinery and important mining equipment used in under ground mines. They have grown up Annual Action Plan or rehabilitation of equipment which are not in used but economically repairable. Workshop modernisation programme is also being implemented for modernisation of existing workshops and for setting up of new workshops, Modern methods of inventory management for stocking and supply/use of spares have also been introduced.

(e) Performance of Coal India Ltd. against 1994-95 targets and targets for 1995-96 is given below:—

	Target 1994-95	Actual (Provisional) 1994-95	Target 1995-96
Production (In MT)	223.00	223.16	241.00
Off-Take (Raw Coal in MT)	231.50	222 65	248.50

Unscientific coal mining

3073. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unscientific coal mining activities going on in several coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to identify such coal mines; and

(c) the steps taken to undertake the coal mining activities in a scientific and systematic way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Coal Mining activity in the public sector companies is generally undertaken on the basis of detailed exploration and mine planning. However, some cases of unscientific mining are reported by agencies like Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Coal Controller. Such cases are brought to the notice of the coal companies for corrective action.

Some instances of illegal mining are also reported. Such cases of illegal mining are reported to the local police by the concerned coal companies for appropriate action.

Letters to Ministry

3074. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995:

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies where sent: and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?